(c) the total number of these studios; and

(d) the total amount spent on the maintenance on these studios?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that they have their own studios.

(b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) 58, Sir.

(d) The total amount spent for maintenance of these studios is Rs. 8.15 crores, approximately, during the year 2000-2001.

DD Channels to viewers through cable operators

3732. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the DD channels are reaching the viewers through cable operators;

(b) whether Government have formulated any code of conduct in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) No, Sir. Doordarshan is presently operating 21 channels all of which are not retransmitted by cable operators.

(b) to (d) As per Section 8 (1) of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, it is mandatory for every cable operator to retransmit at least two DD terrestrial channels and one regional language channel of a State in the Prime Band in Satellite mode on frequencies other than those carrying terrestrial frequencies. Prasar Bharati *vide* their notifications S.O. No. 823(E) dated 13-09-2000 and S.O. No. 82(E) dated 29-01-2001 have specified the number, name of DD channels to be retransmitted by cable operators in their cable service in different States.